(i) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan should adopt a faculty development programme linked to promotions based on earning of credits by teachers in both academic and professional work.

(ii) Pre-Service education of three years duration should be conducted by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan at zonal level.

(iii) Promotion of primary teachers should be made by giving them higher scale but not posting them as TGTs|PGTs.

(b) and (c) The Committee had interaction with various groups including employees' associations and user organisations while formulating its report.

Export Industry Status to Tourism

*299. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received suggestions from the Associated Chamoers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) to give Tourism the status of an export oriented industry, as reported in 'the Indian Express' dated the 4th February, 1989; if so, what action Government propose to take thereon;

(b) what was the total number of tourists, year-wise, during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government have received complaints from tourists about beggar menace, transport cheats and inhospitable hotel staff; if so, what corrective steps Government have taken/propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Proposals for giving the status of "export industry" to tourism were considered by the Government and a number of incentives and facilities were extended to tourism industries even before the suggestion of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India was received.

(b) The total number of tourists who visited India during the last three years, including the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh, were:—

Year	No. of tourists
1986 . . .	14,51,076
1987 . . .	14,84,290
1988 . . .	15,90,661

(c) As and when any complaints are received by the Government, appropriate remedial measures are initiated in co-ordination with the respective State Governments and other agencies. The system of pre-paid taxi service has been introduced in all the four major airports to avoid cheating by taxi drivers.

New Entrants in the Wagon Manufacturing Industry

*300. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delicensing of the wagan manufacturing industry implies that any one could enter the wagon manufacturing industry in the country;

(b) whether the capacity of the existing wagon manufacturers in the country exceeds the requirement of the Railways;

(c) if so, what is the excess capacity in each of the wagon manufacturing units;

(d) whether, with the wagon manufacturing capacity already in excess of the demand, permitting the new entrants would lead to sickness in the industry; and

(e) if so, what is the justification in permitting the new entrants in the wagon manufacturing industry in the country?